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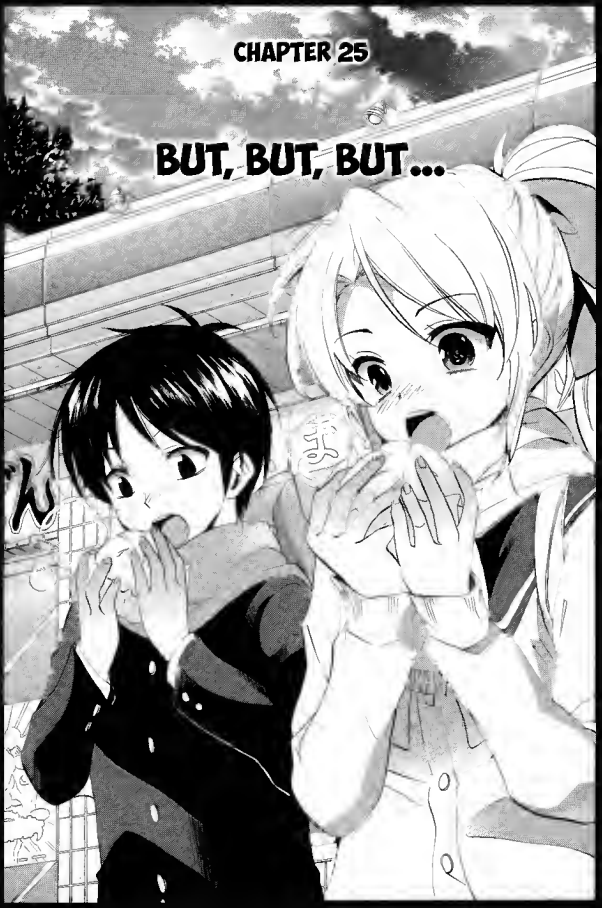
LINDA-SENPAI...!?
CHAPTER 24

IT'S

STOP BEING SO WISHY-WASHY AND SPIT OUT WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY!
IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE! NANA-SENPAI MADE ME DO THIS..
NOW JUST A..
SFX: SLAM
CLICK
SFX: THUD
SENPAI'S AN IDIOT!
I'M VERY SORRY! SENPAI IS A GENIUS! YOU AREN'T AN IDIOT!
You aren't an idiot!
I'M GOING TO BURN YOUR SHOES AND YOUR BAG.
SFX: SILENCE
SFX: GRRR...
SFX: BANG, BANG
SENPAI!? MY, SHOES! THEY'RE STILL INSIDE!
HELL IF I CARE. I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

Tap
...SO THAT'S...
HOW IT IS...
he... hehe...
.....
.....
WELL THEN... WANT TO COME IN?


CHAPTER 25
BUT, BUT, BUT...

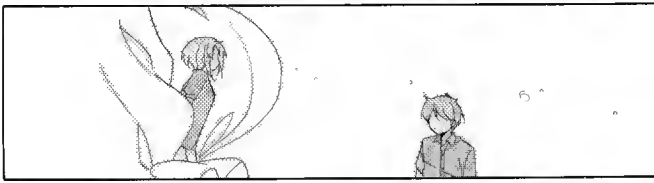
SFX: DRIP
WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL OMAKEN.
NANA-SENPAI, YOU SEE,
.. OH, WHAT A SURPRISE.
TAP..
.....

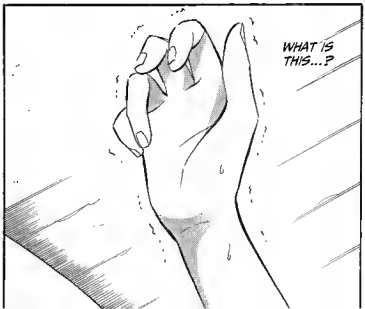
BUT IT SEEMS THAT EVEN HER PARENTS CALL HER 'NANA'!
WHAT DO YOU CALL IT... IT'S KIND OF LIKE A NAME SHE OFFICIALLY GOES BY.
ALSO, HER REAL NAME ISN'T 'NANA'
IS THAT... SO?
SO YOU'VE BEEN LIVING HERE...

YOU'RE REALLY LIVING HERE...

I'M REALLY SORRY...

TADA... BANRI




WHAT IS THIS...?

WHAT IS THIS FEELING?

IT'S LIKE IT ISN'T MY OWN BODY.
BANRI?
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT IS... THIS?
Waah!
SORRY, I MUST HAVE CONFUSED YOU. BECAUSE I DID SOMETHING HALF-BAKED.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TELL YOU.

Hehe
I AM REALLY HAPPY THAT
I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN!
THAT WAS ALL I WANTED TO SAY, NO MATTER WHAT.
THAT'S THE TRUTH!
THEY FOUND YOU BY THE RIVER. THEY SAID YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS AND MAYBE EVEN DEAD...
I WOULD HAVE GIVEN ANYTHING IN EXCHANGE, SO...
I PRAYED FOR GOD TO SOMEHOW HELP BANRI...
AND THEN, MY WISH WAS FULFILLED.

EVEN IF YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ME, IT'S ALL RIGHT AS LONG AS YOU'RE HEALTHY.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE IN GOOD HEALTH.
YOU'RE STILL TADA BANRI, SO I'M HAPPY FOR THAT.

I'M A FOOL.

I WAS CONVINCED THAT SHE WANTED
ME TO DISAPPEAR.

I SELFISHLY JUDGED THIS PERSON'S HEART.
Wipe

ALL THANKS TO THIS PERSON.
squeeze

EVEN THOUGH THE EXISTENCE OF MY PRESENT SELF MUST BE

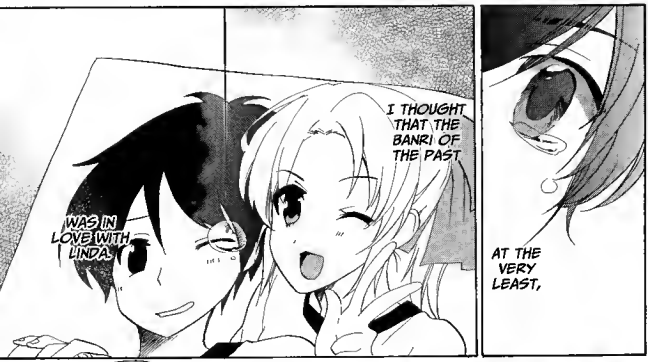
SFX: DASH
I'M SORRY...!!
SFX: RATTLE

THANK YOU... FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME.
AND...

THIS...
I SEE.
YOU WERE HOLDING ON TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
I can't stop
THAT WAS HOW YOU KNEW ABOUT ME... NOW I GET IT.
HM?
ERR... WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DID WE HAVE?
HEHE
WE GOT ALONG REALLY WELL.
FOR ALL THREE YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL, WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS AND
THE SAME CLUBS. ODDLY, THINGS JUST KIND OF ALIGNED.

WE WERE ALWAYS CLOSE TO EACH OTHER.
WE WERE LIKE AN OLDER SISTER AND YOUNGER BROTHER... AND BECAUSE OF THAT,
THERE WERE NO FEELINGS OF MUTUAL LOVE THERE.

I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT THE TWO OF US HAD BEEN DATING.
MHM
WAS THAT... HOW IT WAS?


I THOUGHT THAT THE BANRI OF THE PAST
WAS IN LOVE WITH LINDA.
AT THE VERY LEAST,

I WAS ALWAYS FOLLOWING AFTER HIM. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE THE SAME AGE, I ACTED LIKE HIS OLDER SISTER.
WAS A FUNNY AND GOOD FELLOW. BUT, ALL THE SAME, I THOUGHT HE SEEMED KINDA UNRELIABLE.
You're a crybaby!
Hmmh? Weak!
I lost to Linda's arm
EEH...
BANRI, YOU SEE,

Pathetic.
LOOKS LIKE I HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH AT ALL, HAVE I..?
AHAHAHA! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT!
HONESTLY, EVEN IF I WASN'T THERE, HE WAS OKAY.
BANRI WAS.
BUT.
THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT NOW. FROM NOW ON, I DON'T THINK LIVING WILL BE SO EASY.
SO THEREFORE, AS YOUR SENIOR,
AS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS YOUR PAST,
I WAS THINKING, IF I COULD SUPPORT TADA BANRI.
.....

WHY ARE YOU GOING SO FAR FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME?
YOU ARE AFTER ALL.
TADA BANRI. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PERSON.
I WANT US TO HAVE SOME FUN TIMES TOGETHER.
Unsure...
LOOK HERE.
YOU DO IT LIKE THIS.
SFX: SLAP
SFX: SNAP
SFX: POINT

PROOF OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP
SFX: SHOCK
SFX: DADADADAAH
HEHE

AH, UH... IT WAS OKAY!
HELLO, TADA-KUN? HOW WAS THE FLOODING?
Gets up
PICK IT UP.
IT'S KAGA-SAN.
Kaga Kouko
AH, HOLD...
I'M HEADING BACK NEXT DOOR, OK?
SFX: WAVE
PLEASE USE MY SANDALS.
IT'S OKAY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
LISTEN TO KOUKO-CHAN.
IF YOU LOVE HER, DON'T LEAVE HER SIDE. EVER.
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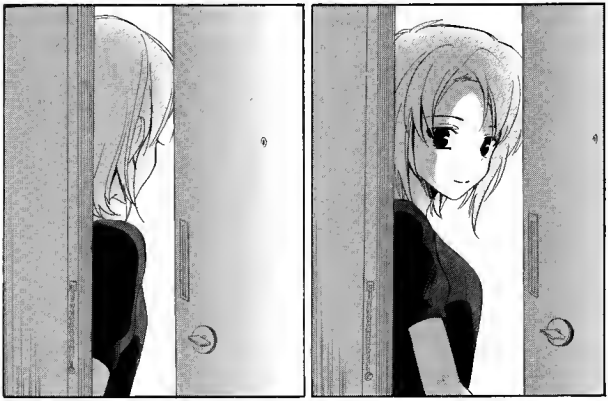
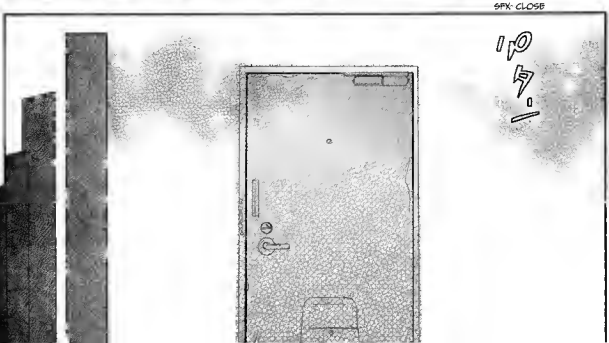
WELL...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
AH, OKAY. IT'S ALL RIGHT.
ARE YOU BUSY RIGHT NOW? THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT...



SFX: CLOSE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Bwah Blah Blah!
WOBBLE
IT LOOKED LIKE THE TIME FOR THEM TO MAKE UP WAS VIRTUALLY GONE.
HE KEEPS RUNNING AWAY FROM OKA-CHAN, SO..
KAGA-SAN WANTED TO TALK ABOUT YANA-SSAN.
MITSUO IS FALLING APART
Ahaha!
HE'S A CLUMSY GUY JUST LIKE A CERTAIN SOMEONE.
WHY DO YOU SOUND SO HAPPY?
I don't really know how, but rumors have been spreading.
TO THAT ULTRASONIC!
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! THAT MITSUO HAS LOST HIS MIND OR SOMETHING. IT SEEMS HE WENT ON AND SAID SOMETHING LIKE
"DON'T TALK TO ME ANYMORE!"
GO FOR IT!
I WAS RESCUED BY LINDA-SENPAI.
SO I WONDER IF I CAN DO SOMETHING FOR YANA-SSAN...

BANRI...
RAISE THE CURTAIN!
SO! THAT'S HOW IT IS!
A YANAGISAWA MITSUO CHEER-UP PARTY @MY PLACE!
BUT I CALLED TWO DIMENSIONS TOO, THAT OKAY?
OF COURSE.
IT'S ALL GOOD, IT'S ALL GOOD! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BLAST AT MY PLACE SO LET'S CHEER UP!
DOING THAT FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME... THANKS.
YOU WAIT LONG!?
SORRY, TWO DIMENSIONS!
Yaay!!
US THREE GUYS CAN DRINK TIL MORNING~~~!!

Twirl
I WAITED!
GEEZ, YOU'RE SO SLOW!
SFX: PUFF
平休祝日
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Flap
!?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D BE HERE AT SIX?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN FIFTEEN MINUTES! GEEZ...
SFX: FLOUNCE
SFX: PUFF
...JUST ♡ KIDDING ♡ WE'RE NOT REALLY MAD. ♡
IF I SEE TADA-KUN, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S FIFTEEN MINUTES OR AN HOUR. ♡♡♡
...HUH?

JUST BEING ABLE TO SEE YOU,
MAKES
ME
SO
HAPPY
Squeeze

ME TOO, BEING ABLE TO SEE YOU,
MAKES
ME
SO
HAPPYY!

HEY, WHY THE HELL ARE YOU HERE?
HAH!
We didn't call you, you know?
HEY, TADA-KUN AND TWO DIMENSIONS, DO YOU REMEMBER THE OATH WE MADE?

MITSUO, YOU WEREN'T PART OF IT SO YOU CAN GO ON HOME.
SFX: POINT
ISN'T IT? OF COURSE IT IS.
WE'RE A TEAM, BOUND BY AN OATH, RIGHT?
SO IT'S MY OBLIGATION TO BE HERE.
SFX: SNAP
WAH!
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STUUPID, STUUPID, BUTT CHIN!
I'VE GOT STUDS OVER HERE!
THERE'S NO WAY YOUR RED WINGS ARE GOING TO BEAT MY JIMMY CHOOS!
YOU PRUNE-FACE!
CRAP-STEP-PING MAN!
CAN YOU SAY THE SAME AFTER SEEING THE CRAP THESE SOLES STEPPED IN LAST WEEK!?
SFX: GRR X5

AH, WAIT, PHONE CALL.
EEK! HELP ME, TWO DIMENSIONS!
It's got crap on it!
NO... BUT SHOULDN'T I ANSWER? AFTER ALL, IT'S COMING
THUMP
WHAM
IS THIS THE TIME TO BE ANSWERING A PHONE!?

SFX: FREEZE
18:18
Oka Chinami
Missed Call
... OH. SHE HUNG UP.
FROM OKA-CHAN...

EH...? TWO DIMENSIONS HAS THAT KIND OF CONNECTION WITH CHINAMI...?
NO... WE JUST EXCHANGED INFORMATION THE OTHER DAY WHEN WE WERE THE ONLY ONES LEFT.
WHEN YOU GUYS ALL DISAP-PEARED...
...HAHA ...HA. LAUGH.
Pat
SFX. HISS
DON'T GET FRESH WITH ME!
EVEN THOUGH YOU CAME TO LAUGH AT ME...
Go over there!
Depressed...
NOW NOW, YANA-SSAN

I WANT KAGA-SAN TO JOIN US TOO
BESIDES, EVEN THOUGH SHE LOOKS LIKE THIS, SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
I WAS NOT!
KA-GA-SAN
OO.....
IF YOU WANT TO BE IN TODAY'S DRINKING PARTY, THEN PERHAPS YOU SHOULDN'T FIGHT.
CAN YOU TAKE PART AND HAVE FUN FOR YANA-SSAN'S SAKE?
IS THAT OKAY WITH BOTH OF YOU?
DING
...UNDER-STOOD.
BATH-ROOM.
HOLD IT.
SFX: RUMBLE

I WONDER IF I SHOULD TELL HER ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH LINDA-SENPAI EARLIER...
KAGA-SAN WAS WORRIED ABOUT IT AFTER ALL...
...OH YEAH.
...BUT SHE COULD GET MAD... SHE EVEN CAME INSIDE...
Alone with the opposite sex, that's cheating!
IRON CLANG!
KAGA-SAN?
My place is this way!
know!!
LET'S DO IT SOME OTHER TIME.
Turn

Are you okay?
WHICH REMINDS ME, WASN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TALK TO BANRI ABOUT?
YES. I'M OKAY, LET'S GO.
Pardon the intrusion~
OH, HEY HEY
SFX: FLUSH
I GOT A MESSAGE FROM OKA-CHAN, YOU GUYS?
WHAT, WHAT?
CAN I READ IT?

"I WENT AHEAD AND TURNED IN HIS ATTENDANCE CARD TOO! AM I BEING A NUISANCE?"
"DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE YANA THIS AFTERNOON?"
"EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE THIRD PERIOD TOGETHER, HE DIDN'T COME..."
おつまみ
"THAT WAS ALL I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT."
OH, GOODNESS
WHAT A BRAVE THING SHE DID FOR YOU.
"IT'S HARD TO GET AHOLD OF YANA DIRECTLY... WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW."
OF COURSE, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO IGNORE HER, RIGHT?

YOU DON'T WANT HER TO TALK TO YOU FROM NOW ON, RIGHT?
IF SO, JUST GO AHEAD AND IGNORE THAT TOO.
Haha...
.....
...I...
.....
Hmph.

.....
SFX: SWIPE
GIMME!
EH?
SFX: ZIP, ZIP
!?
HELLO, ULTRASONIC!? IT'S ME!
NGH

Huh!?
Come in 3!
RIGHT NOW WE'RE HAVING A CHEERING-UP PARTY FOR MITSUO AT TADA-KUN'S PLACE, SO COME HERE!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO COME, BUT THERE'S NO HELPING IT, SO I'M CALLING YOU!
MITSUO!? HE'S FALLING TO PIECES HERE! JUST GET OVER HERE!

Click
End
HERE YOU GO.
YOU... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!!!
AND THE FUN DRINKING PARTY BEGINS~